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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, UNSC, BC, RH
SUBJ: SECURITY COUNCIL: BOTSWANA COMPLAINT

1. BOTSWANA PERM REP MOGAMI AND HIS SUCCESSOR, THOMAS TLOU, CALLED ON AMBASSADORS BENNETT AND SHERER AT USUN JANUARY 6, TO DISCUSS UPCOMING SC MEETINGS CONCERNING BOTSWANA COMPLAINT AGAINST RHODESIA.

2. MOGAMI DISCUSSED "SOUNDING DRAFT" WHICH WILL FORM BASIS OF WORKING PAPER. HE STRESSED THAT PAPER HAD NOT YET BEEN SHOWN TO AFRICAN GROUP AND THAT US WAS ONLY OTHER COUNTRY WHICH NOW HAD A COPY. (HE DID ACKNOWLEDGE THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED PAPER, HOWEVER, WITH UKUN.) TEXT OF DRAFT FOLLOWS IN PARAGRAPH 6.

3. MOGAMI EMPHASIZED THAT BOTSWANA EXPECTS FURTHER AND SERIOUS INCIDENTS ALONG ITS 400-MILE BORDER WITH RHODESIA, PARTICULARLY SHOULD THE GENEVA CONFERENCE FAIL. RHODESIA IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE TO SEND SMALL UNITS
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SEEKING OUT ANTI-SMITH GUERRILLAS IN BOTSWANA. AMONG THESE UNITS MAY BE WHITE MERCENARIES AND, ACCORDING TO PRESS, POSSIBLY AMERICANS ARE AMONG THEM. BOTSWANA NEEDS TO IMPROVE ITS SECURITY AND WILL REQUIRE FUNDS TO OFFSET MONIES WHICH NOW WILL BE SWITCHED FROM OTHER PRIORITIES TO DEFENSE. MOGAMI ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HAD BOTSWANA'S DEFENSE FACILITIES BEEN BETTER,

BOTSWANA WOULD HAVE DEFENDED HERSELF MILITARILY AGAINST RHODESIA, RATHER THAN BRINGING CASE TO SC.

4. FURTHER, MOGAMI NOTED THAT WORKING PAPER LIKELY WILL ADD APPEAL FOR INTERNATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS. HE OBSERVED THAT US AND UK HAD ABSTAINED ON SIMILAR LANGUAGE TO THAT IN OPERATIVE PARA 5 IN THE ADOPTION OF SC RES 326. HE THOUGHT IT LIKELY THAT THE BRITISH WOULD ABSTAIN AGAIN. WOULD WE? HE ASKED. AMBASSADOR SHERER CALLED MOGAMI'S ATTENTION TO A PROBLEM WHICH COULD BE CREATED BY CONDEMNING RHODESIA TO AN EXTENT THAT SALISBURY MIGHT BECOME EVEN MORE INTRANSIGENT AT GENEVA.

5. MOGAMI PLANS TO SEE SC PRESIDENT JANUARY 7 AND AFRICAN CONTACT GROUP THEREAFTER CONCERNING, INTER ALIA, NUMBER OF SPEAKERS AND PROJECTED LENGTH OF DEBATE. MOGAMI ANTICIPATES DEBATE WILL BEGIN AROUND JANUARY 12 (USUN 23).

6. TEXT OF "SOUNDING DRAFT" FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: BEGIN TEXT.

ACTS OF AGGRESSION COMMITTED AGAINST BOTSWANA BY THE ILLEGAL MINORITY REGIME IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA

PREAMBLE

THE SECURITY COUNCIL,
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1. TAKING NOTE OF THE LETTER DATED 22 DECEMBER 1976 (S/12262) FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOTSWANA, AND HAVING HEARD THE STATEMENT OF THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF BOTSWANA, CONCERNING ACTS OF AGGRESSION AGAINST BOTSWANA BY THE ILLEGAL MINORITY REGIME IN THE BRITISH COLONY OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA,

2. GRAVELY CONCERNED AT THE DANGEROUS SITUATION CREATED BY THE PROVOCATIVE AND AGGRESSIVE ACTS COMMITTEE BY THE ILLEGAL REGIME IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA AGAINST THE SECURITY AND WELL BEING OF BOTSWANA,

3. REAFFIRMING THE INALIENABLE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA TO SELF DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1514(XV) OF 14 DECEMBER 1960, AND THE LEGITIMACY OF THEIR STRUGGLE TO SECURE THE ENJOYMENT OF SUCH RIGHTS AS SET FORTH IN THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS,

4. TAKING NOTE OF THE CONVENING OF THE CONFERENCE ON
SOUTHERN RHODESIA (ZIMBABWE) IN GENEVA,

5. RECALLING ITS RESOLUTIONS NO. 232(1966) OF 16 DECEMBER
1966 AND 253(1968) OF 29 MAY 1968 WHICH DETERMINED
AND REAFFIRMED RESPECTIVELY THAT THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN
RHODESIA CONSTITUTED A THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE
AND SECURITY,

6. TAKING NOTE OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION NO. A/RES
31/154 OF 20 DECEMBER 1976 WHICH STRONGLY CONDEMNED THE
ILLEGAL RACIST MINORITY REGIME FOR ITS SYSTEMATIC ACTS OF
AGGRESSION AGAINST NEIGHBOURING STATES,

7. CONVINCED THAT THE RECENT PROVOCATIVE AND AGGRESSIVE ACTS
PERPETRATED BY THE ILLEGAL REGIME AGAINST BOTSWANA
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AGGRAVATE THE SITUATION.

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (PARA 3 AND 4 CORRECTED)

8. DEEPLY GRIVED AND CONCERNED AT THE LOSS OF HUMAN LIFE
AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY CAUSED BY THE AGGRESSIVE ACTS
OF THE ILLEGAL REGIME IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA AGAINST BOTSWANA,

9. NOTING WITH APPRECIATION BOTSWANA'S DECISION TO CONTINUE
TO GIVE ASYLUM TO POLITICAL REFUGEES FLEEING FROM INHUMAN
OPPRESSION BY THE RACIST MINORITY REGIMES,

10. REALISING THE NEED FOR BOTSWANA TO STRENGTHEN ITS
SECURITY IN ORDER TO SAFEGUARD ITS SOVEREIGNTY,
TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND INDEPENDENCE,

11. REAFFIRMING THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND
OVER ITS COLONY OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA, IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE RELEVANT UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS,

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1. STRONGLY CONDEMNS ALL THE ACTS OF PROVOCATION, HARRASSMENT
AND AGGRESSION INCLUDING MILITARY THREATS AND ATTACKS,
BLACKMAIL, MURDER, ARSON, KIDNAPPING AND DESTRUCTION OF
PROPERTY, COMMITTED AGAINST BOTSWANA BY THE ILLEGAL REGIME
IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA;

2. CONDEMNS ALL MEASURES OF POLITICAL REPRESSION THAT VIOLATE
FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS OF THE PEOPLE OF SOUTHERN
RHODESIA, BY THE ILLEGAL REGIME;

3. DEPLORES ALL ACTS OF COLLABORATION AND COLLUSION WHICH
SUSTAIN THE ILLEGAL REGIME IN SOUTHER RHODESIA
AND ENCOURAGE IT TO DEFY WITH IMPUNITY THE RESOLUTIONS OF
THE UNITED NATIONS;

4. DEMANDS THE IMMEDIATE AND TOTAL CESATION FORTHWITH OF THESE
UNPROVOKED ACTS OF AGGRESSION COMMITTED AGAINST BOTSWANA
BY THE ILLEGAL REGIME;

5. CALLS UPON THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, AS
THE ADMINISTERING POWER, TO ENSURE THE EFFECTIVE IMPLE-
MENTATION OF PARAGRAPH 4 OF THIS RESOLUTION;

6. TAKES COGNIZANCE OF THE SPECIAL ECONOMIC HARD-
SHIP CONFRONTING BOTSWANA AS A RESULT OF THE IMPERATIVE
NEED TO DIVERT FUNDS FROM ONGOING AND PLANNED DEVELOPMENT
PROJECTS TO HITHERTO UNPLANNED AND UNBUDGETED FOR MILITARY

AND SECURITY NEEDS NECESSITATED BY THE URGENT NEED
TO EFFECTIVELY DEFEND ITSELF AGAINST THE AGGRESSOR;

7. REQUESTS THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE ORGANIZATIONS AND
PROGRAMMES CONCERNED, IN PARTICULAR THE ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, THE UNDP, THE FAO, THE UNITED NATIONS
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OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION,
INCLUDING THE WORLD BANK, TO ASSIST BOTSWANA TO CARRY OUT
THE ONGOING AND PLANNED DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WITHOUT IN-
TERRUPTION AS STATED IN PARAGRAPH 6 OF THIS RESOLUTION;

8. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL IN COLLABORATION WITH
APPROPRIATE ORGANISATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM,
TO ORGANISE WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT FINANCIAL AND OTHER FORMS
OF ASSISTANCE TO BOTSWANA, AND, TO THIS END, TO DISPATCH
AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL, A MISSION TO ASSESS THE NEEDS OF
BOTSWANA IN CARRYING OUT ITS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS UNDER
THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO REPORT TO THE SECURITY
COUNCIL NOT LATER THAN 31 MARCH 1977;

9. CALLS UPON THE GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA TO COOPERATE
WITH THE MISSION ESTABLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH
8 OF THIS RESOLUTION;

10. DECIDES TO REMAIN SEIZED OF THE MATTER.

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